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AN ACT to amend 78.80 (3) of the statutes, relating to the use by legislators of information in the department of taxation pertaining to its administration of the motor vehicle fuel tax law.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

78.80 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

78.80 (3) Any information obtained by the department as a result of the reports, investigations, examinations or verifications herein required shall be confidential, except when required to be disclosed in a court of law, and any person who divulges such information shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for each offense; provided that this provision shall not be construed to mean that such information or evidence is privileged when used by the state or any representative thereof in any proceeding to collect the motor fuel or special fuel taxes or in any prosecution for violation of the provisions of this chapter *or when used by a legislator or a legislator-elect for the purpose of legislation*; and provided that the gallonage reported by, the amount of tax assessed against and the amount of tax paid by the wholesaler, broker, dealer, special fuel licensee or any other person shall be and remain records open to the inspection of the public, and may be published by the department; and provided that information concerning suspected violations of other state laws or regulations may be referred by the department to the proper enforcement agencies.

Approved August 25, 1955.